



180 LIVES LOST IN FLAME-SWEPT OPERA HOUSE

As Audience Rushes to Doors After Picture Machine Explosion, Floor Gave Way and Oil Lamps Set Fire to Place.

BOYERTOWN, Pa., Jan. 14.—The Coroner estimated late this afternoon that 180 lives had been lost in the fire disaster at Rhodes's Opera-House here. A number of strangers from out of town were among the four hundred in the flame-swept structure, and it is possible that the exact total of dead will never be known, as a search of the ruins to-day showed that only ashes remain of the bodies of many victims. So far 135 bodies have been recovered.

Seventy-five were injured in the mad rush for safety or by leaping from the windows of the burning playhouse, and many are not expected to survive the day.

Boyertown is a village of about 2,500 population and there is scarcely a house in the little town that has not been afflicted by last night's visitation of fire.

Although the ruins are still smoldering, search is being made at different parts of the burned theatre for those who perished. Tearful throngs surround the scene and follow the efforts of the working force with agonizing interest.

Not far away, in various homes, the injured are being attended by doctors and nurses, who were hurried here from Reading and Pottstown. A force of special police from Reading are on guard, as hundreds moved largely by curiosity have flocked here from surrounding towns. The officers are distributed mostly about the fire area.

In addition to the Opera-House, the Farmers' National Bank, Rahn's hardware store and the dwellings of George Rahn, Harry Pennypacker and Alfred Seashard were burned. The monetary loss will amount to about \$75,000.

A majority of those killed were members of St. John's Lutheran Church, of this place, or of the Sunday school, who were in the opera-house to witness a five-act tableaux, "The Scottish Reformation." A moving picture show for the benefit of the children was to have closed the entertainment.

For several months the Sunday school pupils of St. John's Lutheran Church had been rehearsing "The Scottish Reformation," which was being staged by Mrs. H. E. Monroe, of Washington, the authoress, and when the curtain rose at 8 o'clock the opera-house was thronged with representative citizens of the borough. The drama was well presented, and the piece worked smoothly for an amateur production.

Explosion Causes Panic.

The second part of the play, in which the students from Glasgow University and the Puritans marched to Leith to meet Queen Mary, had just been reached. The young people taking part had finished their songs, and incidental to the drama, a number of pictures were shown by a moving picture machine. This was operated by H. W. Fisher, of Carlisle, Pa., who used callum lights. While he was operating the machine there was a flash and a loud report, and the people sitting in the rear of the opera-house near the machine arose in fright and rushed toward the stage.

Their action caused a panic in the audience, and many of the people, thinking the building was on fire, rushed toward the stage. The young people who were taking part in the play motioned to them to go back and resume their seats, but the frightened spectators attempted

to climb upon the stage to escape the fiery spluttering of the moving picture machine.

One of the young people on the stage, more excited than the others, made a motion as if to repel the audience, and in his excitement he overturned one of the coal oil lamps that was used as footlights for the stage. It fell with a crash into the auditorium and exploded. In an instant the stage front was ablaze and the frightened people surged toward the rear again. The youthful actors fled from the stage and managed to escape, amid in their stage garments.

Men Beat Down Children.

The crowd in the front of the auditorium fled to the rear as the flames from the stage edged toward them, and they were met by a crowd from the burning picture machine in the rear. The men became panic stricken, and strong men beat down women and children in their effort to get out of the building.

The cries for help of those penned within the walls of the structure could be heard above the flames as they rapidly gained headway and swayed down on and encircled the victims. In the mad rush a section of the floor gave away, precipitating scores of persons to the basement. As the floor

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The

"Circulation Books Open to All."

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1908.

World.

"Circulation Books Open to All."

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THAW'S NURSE AT MONTE CARLO SWEARS HE WAS IRRATIONAL

\$100,000 DEMAND FOR WIFE'S LOVE IN AFFINITY SUIT

Butler Says Hay Read "Three Weeks" with Mrs. Butler, and Sues Him.

GETS HIM IN JAIL, TOO.
New Rochelle Fashionables Figure in Case Well Spiced With Affidavits.

(Special to The Evening World.)
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Jan. 14.—An affinity figure as the cause of an order of arrest issued by Supreme Court Justice Mills for Kenneth Hay, who claims to be a distant relative of the late Secretary of State John Hay, in a suit brought by S. M. Butler for \$100,000 damages against Hay for the alienation of his wife's affection, and which resulted today in Hay's arrest in the White Plains jail. Hay was arrested at his home on Main street, New Rochelle, and was brought here in an automobile and held in \$5000 bail, which he was unable to furnish. Hay, who lives with his wife and sixteen-year-old son, was in the act of shaving when the Deputy Sheriff and his assistants came to his home and took him into custody. Through Lawyer John A. Vanzelm, Mr. Butler, who it is said, was formerly president of the Automobile Club, charged in his complaint that Hay alienated the affections of Mrs. Butler. He also charged that since their intimacy Mrs. Butler has left him and refuses to return.

The Butlers have been married for thirteen years and have lived in New Rochelle since 1905, occupying a villa in Residential Park, which is one of the fashionable sections of that city. The reading of the book "Three Weeks" figures prominently in the case because Mrs. Butler's son Charles swears in an affidavit that while Hay was calling on Mrs. Butler during her husband's absence they spent the afternoon reading the book written by Elmer Glyn.

Mr. Butler in his affidavit asserts that he returned from a business trip South on Dec. 17 last and when his wife met him at the steamship pier she was heavily veiled. He asked her why she wore the veil and she replied that while she had been out driving with Mr. Hay the horse ran away and she was thrown out. She lifted her veil and he saw that both her eyes were black. He charged her with being infatuated with Hay, and she said, "Yes, I am infatuated with him."

Butler asks he had a talk with Hay and told him to leave his wife alone or he would do him bodily harm. According to his affidavit, Hay admitted that "the loved Mrs. Butler and would go to her for her if necessary."

On another occasion Mr. Butler says he rebuked his wife for being out with Hay, and she said: "I am going to be with him as often as possible, as he expects to leave on Jan. 15 and will be gone for five months on a business trip."

When Deputy Sheriff Kuss took Hay away from his home this morning Mrs. Hay was present. It is reported that Mrs. Hay will sue her husband for a divorce, naming Mrs. Butler as co-respondent.

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TAKE JUROR OUT FOR REMARK AT HIS LUNCHEON

Judge Rosalsky Removes Mar Trained by Sleuths to Restaurant.

After a jury had been chosen and some testimony had been taken in the case of Anderson Lewis, accused of illegal registration, Judge Rosalsky, in the Court of General Sessions, to-day ordered a mistrial this afternoon. Another jury will be picked and the case will be resumed to-morrow. One of the jurors was tried to a restaurant in the vicinity of the Criminal Courts Building during the lunch hour. The juror was heard to remark to a man in the restaurant: "Well, I answered the questions all right, didn't I?" This remark was reported to Deputy Attorney General Palmer, who is in charge of the prosecution. He reported to the Court and Judge Rosalsky decided that the remark was sufficient to disqualify the juror who made it, although he absolved the man from any probable intention of collusion to defeat the ends of justice.

WIFE LEFT OUT OF PARTY USES FOR SEPARATION

"Last Straw" of Alleged Abuse Was Failure to Invite Her.

William P. Brainin, of the firm of Frank Goldstein & Co., at No. 222 Greene street, manufacturers of women's wearing apparel, was arrested to-day by Deputy Sheriff Terry in an action brought by his wife, Tillie, for separation on the ground of alleged cruelty and failure to support her and their four-year-old son.

The order for Brainin's arrest was issued by Justice Davis, of the Supreme Court, on the plea that Brainin had threatened to go to Washington, D. C., if his wife took any proceedings against him. Bail was fixed at \$2,000, which Brainin supplied and was not locked up in jail.

Mrs. Brainin set forth in her affidavit that she and the defendant were married five years ago, and that they lived happily until last April, when Brainin threatened to associate with young men whose only aim in life seemed to be what is known as "sports," and who spent all their spare time in "gambling, drinking and carousing with common women."

Since that time, she said, his behavior to her changed altogether, and she learned that he had been in the habit of taking out to lunch a young woman "whose reputation and character were of an uncertain quality." When she accused him of this he went into a fit, and without warning, struck her across the face with a folded newspaper, declaring that the young lady had at lunch was of just as good character as the plaintiff.

Mrs. Brainin said that from time to time on her husband repeatedly struck and abused her, and when his partner, who is married, three weeks ago, he arranged a surprise party at their place of business. The employees of the firm were present, as were also her father-in-law, the bridegroom's father, and a host of all their relatives and friends. While the party was in progress about the party, but was left at home without anything in the house to eat or drink, and without any money to buy it.

She said this was the last straw, and she decided to sue for a separation. She wants \$25 a week for her support and that of her boy.

POWERS PUTS OVER ANOTHER AT GOOD PRICE

New Orleans Star Lands Second Race on Mae Fletcher.

(Special to The Evening World.)
RACE TRACK, NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 14.—Another chill, dreary day was served up for racegoers at the fair grounds, and once more attention was called to the fact that the massive stand does not at all fit in with the climatic conditions prevailing this season.

A. Cells, who is here for the meeting of the Crescent City Jockey Club, of which he is one of the largest stockholders, declares that improvements will be made to make the stand a comfortable place for winter racing, but it is doubtful if these improvements can be made this winter.

To-day the track was still drying out, but the bad spots around the stretch turn and in the straight run to the finish were not obliterated. The programme was decidedly ordinary in point of quality, the only redeeming feature about it being that it gave opportunity to a great number of horses, most of the races having filled almost to the limit. Before the running of the first race, W. Walden sold to C. T. Brown, the two-year-old Hammond Bay, by Hammock-Sister Adeline, for a reported price of \$100.

FIRST RACE—Purse \$100; maiden two-year-olds; selling; 10 furlongs. 8 to 5, 2 to 1 and 1 to 2 won; Tom Holland, 10 (Heidel), 29 to 1, 10 to 1 and 5 to 1, second; Patriot, 10 (J. Lee), 6 to 1, 3 to 1 and 2 to 1, third. Time—1:25.5. Second race—Purse \$100; 3-year-olds; selling; 10 furlongs. 6 to 1, 3 to 1 and 2 to 1 won; Donato, 10 (S. Heidel), 8 to 5, 4 to 1 and 1 to 1, second; Larry, 10 (Baker), 60 to 1, 20 to 1 and 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:25.5. My Love, Fashion, Elizabeth Frances, Glenville, Miss Isabelle, Adelaide Rover, Mamie Made, Helen Holland, Tinker Belle, Client, Speed Marvel and Delect also ran.

THIRD RACE—Purse \$100; four-year-olds and upward; six furlongs; selling—Lacy Marie, 10 (Rosen), 6 to 1, 2 to 1 and even won by two lengths; Fire Opal, 10 (J. McCalley), 6 to 1, 2 to 1 and 1 to 1, second; Constantia, 10 (V. Powers), 18 to 1, 5 to 2 and 2 to 1, third. Time—1:17. Cut Glass, Edith M., Stella Rose, Rose of Pink, Sulu, Mazonia also ran.

FOURTH RACE—Purse \$100; four-year-olds and upward; selling; six furlongs. 3 to 1, 4 to 1 and 2 to 1 won by head; Lucas, 10 (J. Scott), 109 to 1, 1 to 1 and even, second; Black Mantilla, 10 (V. Powers), 10 to 1, 5 to 1 and 2 to 1, third. Time—1:20.5. The other horses were: Anna Scott, Lucas, Iamesha, Tres Joll, Anna Scott, and others.

14 SKATERS LOST IN PARIS LAKE AS ICE BREAKS

Throng of Thirty Go Down Together in Bois de Boulogne—Sixteen Rescued.

PARIS, Jan. 14.—Thirty young persons were skating on the lake in the Bois de Boulogne this afternoon when the ice, which was thin, broke and they were precipitated into the water.

Every effort to rescue the skaters was at once made, and sixteen of the young people are accounted for.

COUNT'S GUESTS AT VANDERBILT WEDDING HERE

Szechenyi's Relatives Arrive To-Day, Bringing Greetings of Hungarian Nobility.

DIDN'T BRING PRESENTS.
These Are to Be Given to the Count on His Return Home After Wedding.

Bearing the greetings of the Hungarian nobility and the blessings of the parents and patriarchs of the palatial Szechenyi estates of Hungary, but minus the wedding presents, Count Ladislaus Szechenyi's guests arrived to-day on the Kron Princessin Cecile.

They are Count Denez Szechenyi, the prospective bridegroom's oldest brother, who is Secretary to the Hungarian Embassy at Berlin, and who expects to be shortly appointed Minister to Copenhagen. With him was his wife, Countess Szechenyi, formerly Princess Caramen Orlay, of Belgium. Count Stefan Szechenyi, Count Anton Sergy, who is reported will act as the Count's best man; Count Paul Esterhazy, an old companion of Count Ladislaus, and Mrs. Nelson O'Shaughnessy, of the American Embassy at Vienna.

As the party left the big liner they were met by Count Ladislaus, who fell on the oldest brother's neck and embraced him. A joyous meeting followed at the dock, after which the party was loaded into a great red touring car and whisked uptown.

Garbed for Winter.

The foreigners were garbed for wintry weather. Count Denez Szechenyi, remarking that the severity of the weather in Budapest had exacted many weeks ago, Count Denez wore a long brown skin coat which covered the tops of his shoes. He is a medium-sized, stockily built, pleasant faced man of decidedly democratic personality. His hair is dark brown and his mustache is inclined to be reddish. He is a jovial, agreeable personage.

His brother Stefan is tall, slightly built, with just the suspicion of a mustache. He is reserved and quiet, and took little part in the conversation during the trip up the bay.

Count Sergy, slender, but a polished diplomat, sprung a surprise on the reporters by declaring that he did not know that he was to be the best man.

"That's all news to me," he said in excellent English and typical interview style. "Mayhap the Count has arranged that feature of the ceremonies here. But I guess it is all right."

Only Woman Relative.

Countess Szechenyi, the only woman representative of the nobility of Hungary at the coming nuptials of Count Szechenyi and Gladys Vanderbilt, is tall, distinguished looking and handsome. She wore a long gray seal coat with a silver gray fox cape. She is vivacious and friendly and seemed to enjoy the questions of the reporters immensely.

Occasionally joining in the conversation to explain questions which seemed to puzzle Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, who was more or less the "spokesman" for the party.

Mrs. O'Shaughnessy is a daughter of Dr. Elliott Cowie of New York. She has been an intimate friend of the Szechenyi family for years, and declared with emphasis that Gladys Vanderbilt would receive a welcome from the nobility of Hungary equal to that bestowed on a princess of the royal blood.

"Oh, yes, of course, the wedding presents," she said. "Well, the presents are all over in Hungary, so you can't see them. So sorry, too, for they are beautiful. No, I can't tell you what they are, but Count Ladislaus's brother were not inclined to make a big splash."

Broke From Sick Room Against Doctor's Orders While Temperature Was at 104 and Wrote Letters, Only to Destroy.

BOYHOOD TUTOR SWEARS HE WAS INSANE AT A SCHOOL.

Jerome Forces Prisoner to Openly Waive Privilege of Confidential Relations with Physicians—Alienists as Witnesses Describe Taint of Insanity in Family.

Counsel for Harry K. Thaw, in his second trial for the murder of Stanford White, asked for an adjournment this afternoon nearly an hour and a half before the regular hour of concluding the session in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court, where the trial is being conducted before Justice Dowling.

The reason was, as Mr. Littleton explained, that certain important witnesses from Virginia, California and other States had failed to arrive in time for the counsel to present evidence on which the defense relied in its regular sequence.

Brick by brick Martin W. Littleton to-day laid the foundation of a carefully wrought defense of insanity for his client. He started with the physician who had attended Harry Thaw in his sickly infancy. He took the slayer of Stanford White through his early school-days and through a certain strange experience in Europe in 1897 when Thaw was a young man, and, by easy stages, he brought the testimony forward to the night of the roof garden tragedy, on June 25, 1906.

There were breaks in the continuation of the day's story, some of them arising from District-Attorney Jerome's frequent interruptions and objections, and some of them from the failure of certain witnesses from abroad to reach New York on time. Nevertheless, Thaw's lawyers were able to show good results for their first day of testimony. They made a broad, strong framework upon which to rear their fabric of hereditary congenital insanity.

Most of the technical objections by Jerome were offered in an effort to keep off the records evidence touching on the diffusion of insanity through the various branches of the Thaw family stock.

Sensations are promised to-morrow, when the defense proposes to present testimony touching on Thaw's erratic actions in his college days and during his wanderings over Europe before he met Evelyn Nesbit.

This will properly pave the way for the stories of his wife and his mother and for the testimony of his experts.

The trial was suddenly adjourned until to-morrow in order to permit counsel for defense to await the expected arrival of important witnesses.

"Brainstorm" Expert in Court.

Dr. Britton G. Evans, of "Brainstorm" fame, from New Jersey, was one of the early arrivals at the afternoon session. Dr. Evans, who will again testify for the defense, had with him a check and a list of full memoranda. Evelyn Nesbit, Thaw's wife, who had not appeared at the morning session, was on hand. She stayed in an ante-room in accordance with the rule barring witnesses or prospective witnesses from the court.

Mr. Littleton led off by calling Dr. Robert H. Chase, Superintendent of the "Friends" Asylum, at Frankford, Pa., where Harriett Alice Thaw, cousin of the prisoner's father, was once confined as a patient.

The witness said he was acquainted with Harriett Alice Thaw. He had first met her when she was admitted to the asylum with which he was connected. He examined her in 1894 to test her insanity.

"What did you find to be the condition of her mind?" Mr. Littleton inquired.

"The District-Attorney interrupted with a objection that the relations of patient and physician forbade testimony of this character. The Court allowed a physician to state that he found the Thaw mentally incompetent. Mr. Littleton then introduced in evidence papers on which the defendant's relatives had been committed to Dr. Chase's asylum. Justice Dowling, however, barred any further evidence dealing with the nature of Miss Thaw's mental ailment.

Jerome asked Dr. Chase the age of Harriett Alice Thaw when he first saw her.

"She was twelve years old," he answered.

"By whom were you then employed?" "By a doctor—Price Mitchell."

"Then Justice Dowling at Mr. Little-